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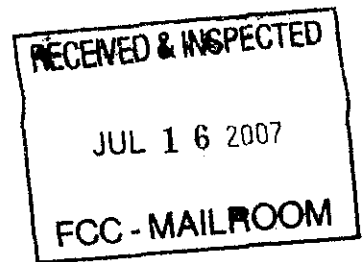
The Honorable Kevin Martin
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554
July 10, 2007

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Re:    Written *Ex Parte* Communication; WT Docket Nos. 06-150, 06-169, and 96-86; PS        Docket No. 06-229

Dear Chairman Martin:


With my 17 years of experience as a Fire Fighter in Chicopee Massachusetts, I know how important communication is during an emergency. Communication with our team and with other public safety agencies is essential is saving lives. That is why I believe it is important that the FCC makes the right decision and designates at least 10 MHz of commercial spectrum (known as the "E Block") for a public/private broadband partnership.

There are two major obstacles that have hampered efforts to bring about a nationwide, broadband network for public safety. First, the funds simply aren't appropriated. State and Federal Governments are either unable or unwilling to incur the significant costs associated with building this platform. Second, public safety needs more spectrum than it has to make a broadband network work. The plan proposed by Frontline Wireless solves both of these problems by providing for a build out of the network with private capital and a doubling of spectrum available to first responders and other public safety officials when it's needed most.

This network would be truly national in scope, serving 99 percent of the U.S. population, but through modern technology would allow local agencies substantial control. There are some proposals that would leave up to 25% of the population without coverage. These are not truly national plans. In an emergency the way to save lives is to reach everyone, and communicate with all agencies. The Frontline Wireless plan does this, and I urge you to consider it carefully.

Thank you for your consideration of my views on this important matter.


Sincerely,

John Shea
Chicopee Fire Fighter

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